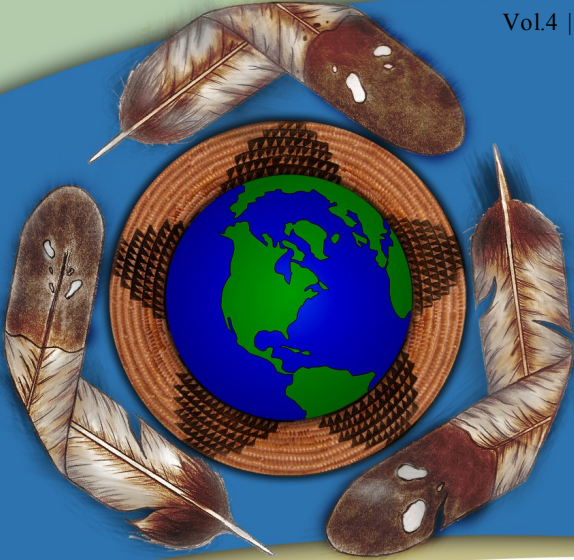


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Soboba Tribal Earth Day 2010

The Soboba Environmental Department held its annual Tribal Earth Day on April 22, 2010. This year's theme was "Preserve our Earth-Protect our Future." Even though the weather was not ideal, many people still came out and visited booths both in the Tribal Hall and out front.

We had many other tribes and organizations attend including NAEPC, the Green Coalition, Pechanga Environmental Department, Pala Environmental Department, Carlson Solar, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, NESCO, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, U.S. Census Bureau, GO Sch Auto Group, Soboba TANF, St. Joseph's Mission Church, and the

Soboba Cultural Center.

It was a successful event with food, crafts for the kids, and informational booths. Thank you to everyone who participated. If you did not come to the event this year, please consider joining in on the fun at future Earth Day celebrations.



Energy Saving Tips

Energy use is at its highest in the summer months. Finding ways to save energy in and around your home not only helps the environment, it can also save you money.

- When cooling your home, lower the thermostat 3-5°F.
- Check air filters because dirty filters restrict airflow and increase energy use.
- An air conditioner tune-up done by a qualified professional can save up to 30% on home cooling

costs.

- Replace light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps. They use up to 75% less energy and now come in a variety of shapes and sizes.
- Weather-strip and caulk around doors and windows to keep cool air in.
- Install a pool or spa cover to minimize heat loss.
- Consider installing an energy efficient pool pump motor.
- Think about installing an evaporative cooler to reduce air conditioning

usage.

- Take advantage of solar power by installing photovoltaic cells on your roof or using a solar thermal hot water system.
- Plant trees on the south, west, and east sides of your home for increased cooling by the shade.

Additional resources:

www.sce.com 800-736-4777

www.fypower.org/ 866-431-3539

www.energystar.gov 888-782-7937

www.consumerenergycenter.org/
800-555-7794

www.epa.gov/energy/



Renovating, Repairing, or Painting?

If you plan to do any of these activities (renovating, repairing, or painting) and your home was built before 1978 when lead-based paint was banned, there are a few things you should know. Lead is harmful to adults but it more severely affects children's brains. Lead dust is the most common way people are exposed, but lead in soil or paint chips are other sources. Projects that disrupt the paint can create dust and endanger you and your family.

If you are undertaking any major repairs, there are guidelines and steps that should be taken to

keep the exposure to lead at a minimum. Be sure to use contractors that are certified and can explain how lead hazards will be contained. Block off and seal work areas to minimize access and dust. Clean up thoroughly after work is done to remove residual lead. Explain to children that things near the construction area are dangerous and should never be put in their mouths.

For more information, contact the Environmental Department or the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD(5323) or www.epa.gov/lead/nlic.htm





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Proper Waste Disposal

Although it might seem easy to throw everything seen as trash in a dump or landfill, there are issues with some types of waste that need special consideration.

Electronic waste such as computers and phones can contain lead, nickel, cadmium, and mercury which could pose risks to human health or the environment.

Refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, and water heaters can have ozone depleting substances such as chlorofluorocarbons in addi-

tion to hazardous components.

Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides are common examples.

Any kind of dumping is harmful to the environment, but if these types of items are carelessly dumped, the hazardous materials can

enter the environment through the air, soil, and water. This can be a danger for people, wildlife, and plants. It only takes a little time to find out how to recycle or dispose of these items, but it can make a large difference.



Trash on the side of the Sports Complex